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Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) Wildcats player Micah Kegel, from left, battles for a loose ball with J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School (JDHES) Jaguars player Vanessa Beynon, as teammate Jordyn Hurd looks on during the Grade 7/8 ASES and JDHES Soccer Tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 3 at ASES in Minden. Although team JDHES one finished first, beating JDHES two 3-0 in the final, every player that participated in the tournament was a winner because it was the first athletic event for elementary schools in close to two years. See more photos on page 5. /DARREN LUM Staff

Huntsville 110 dominated by Highlands' paddlers

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Sometimes when you leave people in your wake you need to take the water less travelled to do it.

Highlands resident Jack Simpson paddled to victory using this energy-saving technique of following in the wash of stand up paddle board competitors for 10 kilometres at the Algonquin Outfitters' Huntsville 110 - Muskoka River X held several weeks ago from Sept. 18 to 19.

Riding in this wake, Simpson said, was effective for him to keep a pace that enabled him to stay ahead of friend and fellow Highlands' paddler Jamie-Leigh Chapman, who finished just about 10 minutes behind after close to 15 hours of paddling.

The two paddlers know each other well, having competed against each other before in other canoe marathons that have a very high attrition rate, so finishing these races is a victory in of itself. In matching H2O Slingshot 202, 16', single-seat carbon fibre canoes (minus a few modifications), which include design attributes suited to long-distance efforts such as places to secure feet, full adjustability in the cockpit, a cushioned seat, a delta shaped hull for straighter tracking on the water and improved paddling efficiency, averaged a little under eight kilometres an hour to complete the 110 kilometre distance.

With a pursuit start when competitors begin at staggered times according to boat categories related to anticipated average paces, the race challenged racers to circumnavigate a four-lake system that includes Fairy Lake, Lake Vernon, Mary Lake and Pen Lake by paddling and por-

taging during the day and night the fastest.

The semi-retired Simpson was happy with the win that got him a head lamp, but admits to not being the strongest canoe marathon paddler in the country and results can be dictated by the field of competition at any given event.

"It depends on who shows up at the race. Ottawa has good paddlers. Huntsville has good paddlers and some good paddlers here in Haliburton. London, and those centres are where people are training and paddling hard," he said.

He adds after working remotely the last year and then moving up to the area full time from Toronto in July made the difference, enabling him access to the water.

"So my training volume each week through the spring and summer was probably 12 to 14 hours a week, paddling ... that consistency and work helps a lot for the racing," he said.

Simpson added winning the 50 kilometre Kawartha Paddle Quest race a few weeks before the Huntsville 110 helped him figure out his pacing. Coincidentally, Chapman was also second in this race that started in Stony Lake and finished in Peterborough.

Paddling is a passion for the physically active Simpson. The joy for paddling is attributed to how anyone can do it well into their senior years, he said.

"It's a lifelong sport. There isn't any impact like running. You have a lot of strain on your elbow and forearm and shoulders and joint paint, but you can paddle well into your 80s and it's a lifelong sport," he said. "A bit like cross-country skiing it's something you keep doing. Endurance and toughness count,

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Canoe marathon racing tests physical and mental fortitude

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you know, the kind of fortitude to keep pushing hard for these hours long races."

These races will start in the morning and continue on into the dark of night, providing challenges from trying to see through thick fog, or navigate in the dark, to enduring the varying weather conditions of an entire day. The duration is an obvious challenge, but so is the navigation, which was only permitted with maps and a compass in the Huntsville 110.

Chapman said he pretty much memorized the route to negate the need to use the map.

With how long the race was, night time paddling requires a light on the front of the boat and a red light on the rear.

"You put the light on the boat because if you put it on your head your arm interrupts the light every time [you paddle]. It's very disrupting to your paddling. So, you have a little headlamp for portages, but otherwise it's off," Simpson said.

He adds the light was used for the river sections where visibility is challenged by fog, but not the open water of the lake, except to be seen by others.

Chapman said his finish behind Simpson was the closest he's come to overtaking his friend, who he described as "an incredibly talented paddler."

"My conditioning and technique was better than any previous year, so normally I don't do a hecka a lot of training. I might get out for a couple 20 kilometre paddles for whatever size race I'm doing. For this one, I was doing 10 k before work," he said.

Endurance race efforts such as these will include some mental gymnastics and it's important to find the resolve to push through physical discomfort and past any mental anxieties.

"Between muscle condition, the memory ... a lot of the race for the [Huntsville] 110 is getting out of your head. When you're doing any ultra marathons [canoe events] – especially when you're doing it solo – your mind drifts and what not. If your body is conditioned to fall into a natural pace, you'll just do that regardless of where your mind is wondering to, especially when you're absolutely exhausted," he said.

Simpson noted this race offered less opportunities for a break from sitting in the canoe because there was just



Highlands resident Jack Simpson said winning the Huntsville 110 canoe marathon race in September was attributed to the greater volume of training he was able to complete on Soyers Lake where he moved to live full time earlier this year. Simpson, who is pictured paddling on Soyers Lake, finished the 110 kilometre distance in close to 15 hours and was only ahead of fellow Highlands' paddler Jamie-Leigh Chapman by several minutes. /DARREN LUM Staff

two portages instead of the typical dozen for a race of this length.

"So you'd get out of the boat and have your back and bum moving. And you can stop for a washroom break on those portages. This race was hard because you're sitting and focused for that long," he said.

He adds it was about eight or nine hours before the first break in Huntsville.

Another aspect, he said, is understanding the fine balance of pushing physical limits without going over the edge.

"You have to go a maximum effort, but not blow up. I guess that sounds pretty obvious, but you have to know your limits and pacing, but still push hard and steady over that period of time. So, high stroke rate, a good steady effort. Racing intelligently is really important," he said.

Chapman said during the 110 kilometre race he endured shoulder strain after he needed to paddle on one side of the canoe due to high winds, creating large swells for 15 kilometres during the second-quarter of the race.

"It bugged me a little bit, but you kind of shut it down and try to not overwork it. I just go to a dead place in your head I guess you can say," he said.

This year's race was a supported race unlike other years when competitors were responsible to carry all their own supplies, including medical necessities and food. Those races were intended to mimic what expedition canoeists would have experienced at the turn of the last century.

This aspect took a lot of pressure off him when it



Highlands paddler Jamie-Leigh Chapman competes in Huntsville 110 - Muskoka River X canoe marathon race in September. After a little more than 15 hours, Chapman finished second by several minutes behind winner fellow Highlands paddler Jack Simpson. /Photo submitted by Algonquin Outfitters courtesy of Limelight Muskoka

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came to racing and he didn't need to carry much more than necessary between rest stops.

"That mental pressure taken off of you it turned it from an excruciating day – it's still a 110 k day no matter how you look at it – to a day's paddle in terms of the mental mindset," he said.

Besides the endurance challenges from the physical and mental side of things, there are also digestive challenges in trying to satisfy nutritional needs when pushing the body to its limit and beyond. Sometimes an energy bar, or a nutritional supplement powder just doesn't get digested, so when you gotta go you gotta go.

"If a gut bomb hits you, you don't know whether you can trust a fart," he said.

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Final steps left to realize students' dream

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

It's only a matter of time now to see the realization of a student-led effort to right a wrong in adding murals depicting Haliburton's only Olympian Lesley Tashlin and first professional football player Taly Williams to join the wall of heroes on the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

At last count, the \$35,000 goal to cover expenses was just about met and experienced artist, Annie Hamel of Montreal has been chosen to paint the murals, each measuring 12' high and 18.5' wide.

The inclusion of the two siblings, who graduated from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, to the wall of murals on the side of the A.J. LaRue was the result of an effort started last winter that was led by J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Grades 7 and 8 students looking to resolve what they believed was an injustice not having the two Black athletes recognized for their achievements. They presented their case to Dysart et al Township, seeking approvals. Their campaign included raising awareness of their cause through social media platforms, which garnered support from various people of prominence, post-secondary institutions, Athletics Canada and professional football teams, the Toronto Argonauts and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. Once authorized by Dysart, the effort continued with fundraising and working through the municipal process to commission Hamel.

French Immersion teacher Marina Thomazo, who has been the guiding light for

the students through this process, said hitting the fundraising total in only a few months says a lot about the community and that the realization of these murals serves as an example of what's possible for young people.

"For me, this journey is about what young people are capable of when they push for change and social justice. It's also about the inspiration of Lesley and Taly, and about how our whole community came together behind our young people to get Lesley and Taly the honour they have deserved," she said in a prepared statement.

The students initially learned about the HHSS alumni achievements, which included various records at the high school level that still stand today, during a morning public announcement at the school.

Hamel said initially she didn't know about the JDHES students leadership in bringing the murals.

"When I started researching about the project and about the two athletes I found a lot of articles talking about the kids [and how] they want to make a tribute to these athletes, especially the other murals are just hockey players [and one football player] and there weren't any women also. For me, it is very interesting ... that this is from the kids," she said.

She appreciates being part of this effort to bring Tashlin and Williams to the side of the A.J. LaRue

"At the same time, I hope to not disappoint them. It's a big responsibility," she said.

Her work can be seen in cities in Canada, but also in France, Belgium and

Mexico. See her collection at her website www.anniehamel.com.

She would love to meet with the students, if it is possible.

Mural project co-coordinator Jim Blake said after the jury selected the two finalists to complete the work, siblings Tashlin and Williams selected Hamel. The French Canadian artist's work stood out for its quality, particularly with her portraiture work and how it effectively conveys expression, and the depth of thought she displayed in her proposal, which included mural ideas depicting Tashlin and Williams that also related to each other, Blake said. She will be collaborating with the athletes and will be painting the murals on panels at her studio in Montreal.

She recognizes the value of the collaborative process inherent to completing murals.

"Painting is my passion. At the same time, I work for people. It's a commission. I want the city, the kids, the athletes. It's important they are involved in the process because it's their image," she said. "For me it's very normal. The great thing is because when we agree with the design. They will agree with the design and be happy about it after," she said.

Hamel will come and visit Haliburton to see the A.J. LaRue and the community before she starts work on the murals, which will take close to two months. Being awarded both, she said, will enable her to create one image that combines the two murals into a single frame.

The murals will be installed with Hamel in attendance in May 2022. Thomazo said Chris Youngdale of Vista Signs

has agreed to create and put up two signs/banners in the blank spaces where the murals will be, announcing the scheduled installation.

Her start in mural painting began as a student with a collaborative effort, completing the mural, *La fresque du CJC* with her friend, Marie-Hélène Fauteux in 2000. She admits they made a lot of mistakes, but that start coincided with what she described as the "beginning of the movement" when it comes to murals. Typically, many of her murals, she said, measure 30' x 30'.

She adds painting large murals is easier for her because it's easier to see the details from the projection of the image she'll work from to paint the mural.

There are pros and cons to mural work, whether it's outside exposed to the elements or inside her studio. When it's outside there are the obvious challenges with the weather, but it offers space unlike when working in a studio, which can lead to being too focused on the details and forget to stand back and see the mural from a distance.

After 15 years of experience, Hamel said having her murals have a place in a community is a privilege for her and that an effective mural is less about her and more about how it resonates to the people that see them.

She adds it's part of her personality to give everything she can when completing her work.

"I do things the best as I can or I don't do things," she said. "It's one of the good things of my personality. I will put all of my soul in the realization."

Competitive canoeing community

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He knows no one would ever admit it, but he wouldn't be surprised if a canoe marathon competitor has been forced to relieve themselves in their vessel. Simpson said during portages the common practice is to pee while moving through the water to shore, so a cleaning occurs with the passing of the water.

Chapman has always appreciated canoeing, whether it was for the access to beautiful settings, or it's therapeutic benefits for mental calm.

"You can just get into a zone and fade away," he said.

Any beginners interested in canoe marathon racing should seek out a coach, who can accelerate the learning curve, Chapman said. He also said buy a carbon bent-shaft paddle. The difference in the design and material compared to a conventional wood paddle is "night and day."

"Just get on the water and understand your limits because the paddle stroke for a bent-shaft marathon stroke is so much different than what most people think. It's a faster, shorter stroke with less power behind it," he said.

Figure out what works and have fun, he adds.

Years are required to build up the skill and technique of competing in canoe marathons, including boat setup and what to nutrition to consume.

"All of that takes time. Don't get angry if you don't do well in the first race or two. It took me about four or five years to really get it figured out," he said.

Coaching will improve the learning curve, he adds. Coaches such as legend-

ary paddler, Bob Vincent of Huntsville, who is close to 80, compete and he can still beat half the field in a race.

That's the unique thing about the sport, he said.

"It's less about power and it's more about pacing and technique," he said.

The two Highlands residents were in a class of their own, as they were clear of the field by at least an hour. Keeping Simpson in sight, Chapman said, really helped him with pacing and kept him motivated. Simpson was also pushed when he saw his friend on a turnaround and knowing he was not far behind.

Paddling for twice as long as a typical work day isn't a draw for everyone and its appeal is for a specific type of person, said Chapman.

"We're a different breed. We're challenging ourselves ... to see if we can do it and finish it. For me, it's a why not? The physical challenge and attempting to get better and as well just because of how competitive ... it's an absolutely great community, but it's highly competitive. Very good natured, but highly competitive. Knowing that, if you're getting a podium finish, you've earned it. Absolutely earned it," he said.

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Sir Sam's landmark Ski and Ride changes hands

JERELYN CRADEN

Special to the Echo

Sir Sam's Ski and Ride and its owners for 56 years – the Bishop Family -- are synonymous with the Haliburton Highlands. Now, as they hand over the keys to Sir Sam's new owners, the Wilkinson Family, Chris Bishop shares a window into the journey that led to this day.

"Seven years ago, we began a seven-year exit strategy," Bishop said. "Our family members are all 60 and over and it was time to transition to new owners. There was a four-part plan and in the seventh year, we were able to do that."

The Wilkinsons, who owned a cottage on Boshkung Lake for fifteen years, enjoyed the atmosphere at the ski hill and, wanting to invest in a business in Haliburton, contacted the Bishops asking if it was for sale. "Just at the same time," Bishop said, "we were putting all of our marketing and sales materials together." The timing was perfect.

Bishop shares fond memories growing up at Sir Sam's as well as plans for the future; but, first -- let's take a brief look at the history of this beloved landmark, where long-held memories are cherished and new ones are about to begin.

Before the beginning ...

1916 – Sir Sam Hughes, (WWI Minister of the Militia,) purchased 2,500 acres of land around Moose Eagle Basshaunt and Glenn lakes and started building a summer home which he completed in 1919.

1921 – A few years following Hughes' death, the family sold the property, which was then run as a hunting and fishing lodge.

Next, came the Proctor family who pur-



Sir Sam's Ski and Ride has a long-standing history of being a winter playground for visitors and locals, but it has also hosted international competitors like Great Britain's Elliane Hall, leading a group of skiers in the 2019 Sir Sam's Ski Cross Cup race. The FIS sanctioned skicross attracted skiers from across Canada, the US, Great Britain, Australia and China. /DARREN LUM File photo

chased the property and turned it into a summer resort.

And it begins ...

1965 Enter – Bob Bishop Sr., a real estate agent who, upon learning that the province had chosen the site as potential for a ski hill, purchased it and created his and wife Noreen's dream resort.

1979 – The Bishops ran the ski hill and resort for several years, and in 1979 had it divided from the hill and sold to Jim

and Liz Orr. (In 2013, they sold the inn to Ryan Cole).

Legacy – Sir Sam's Ski and Ride is the second-oldest family-owned ski hill in Ontario — a legacy matched by the generations of families who have chosen to call Sir Sam's home for winter and summer fun, and countless treasured memories. A (near) year-round recreational centre (as coined by the Bishops) for guests who enjoy skiing or snowboarding all winter long, then trading the timber for mountain bikes the rest of the year.

An exciting new chapter

Now, in its 56th year, after almost six decades of working with thousands of dedicated staff, the 2021/22 season begins at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride with new owners at the helm – Doug Wilkinson and family. The Bishops will work closely with the Wilkinsons to ensure a smooth transition, and continued quality skiing and boarding experience. The new owners are planning to expand the ski hill's offerings and activities in the off-season.

NEW: Rhubarb on the Hill

The Wilkinson family have an affiliation with Chef Christoph Carl and Terri Matthews Carl, owner of the Rhubarb restaurant in Carnarvon. "They are going to share some of their staff at the new Rhubarb on the Hill, here in Sir Sam's chalet," Bishop said, "which is presently under

major renovation. When they're not open and we are, they'll be sharing some staff working with one of their chef's, on the menu, offering an exceptional dining experience starting in December."

Memories are made of this

When asked about his fondest memories at Sir Sam's, Bishop said: "As a kid skiing here. I was nine years old when it started ... and when I was in my early teens, when we'd get snowfall and have to groom the hills. We didn't have groomers in those days, so we just packed it down with snowmobiles. I remember on a Friday afternoon Dad would pick us up and bring us to the ski hill and we'd drive the snowmobiles to pack the snow down. That was a pretty fun thing for a kid to do."

"We've made a lot of friends, and have developed lifelong friendships with the people we have met here. We've had a lot of apres ski parties, dinners and dances ... and had a lot of fun with interesting people we've met through the years." Bishop said.

Major Thanks

"We want to thank all of the customers who have supported us, all the local business people, tradespeople and thousands of employees who we worked with throughout our 56 years in business. In the early days my parents (Bob and Noreen Bishop), all the people they relied on to get the work done, whether it was cutting the trees off the trail, or renovating Sir Sam's Inn. They had a six-week time period to re-plummet and insulate and re-wire it to get it open for Fall season business. It was only a three-season inn at that time. So, the support of the community, whether you were a customer or an employee or a tradesperson. Thanks for making it all happen, and we look forward to the Wilkinson family carrying on the family tradition to make it their tradition."

Future Plans

"All of our family members are staying on for the winter. It'll be determined after the winter who wants to stay on. I'm here for up to a maximum of a year. Our familiar smiling faces will be here, and they'll have the new faces of Doug and his family," Bishop said. "The new Food & Beverage manager, Kaela, skied here since she was nine years old. She has a lot of history here, then she went away and worked other places and got lots of experience, and now she's back as Food and Beverage Manager."

Bittersweet?

"It's sweet," Bishop said. "It's just time to pass it on, and we're happy about it."

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Haliburton Highlands OPP investigates drowning

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a drowning that occurred on Sunday morning.

On Nov. 7, at approximately 10:26 a.m., members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment responded to a report of a capsized canoe on Moose Lake in Dysart et al Township. It was reported that three adult males entered the water.

Officers attended the scene with Haliburton County Emergency Services and the Dysart et al Fire Department. One of the adult males was able to safely make his way to shore and was uninjured. Sadly, the other two parties were unable

to make it to shore and they have since been confirmed as deceased.

This investigation is ongoing and the Haliburton Highlands detachment are being assisted by the Underwater Search and Recovery Unit, as well as Technical Collision Reconstruction investigators.

The identities of the deceased will not be released until next of kin have been notified. Further information will be released as it becomes available. Investigators are asking anyone with information to call Haliburton OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

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Kosurko nets his first as Buzzers top Huskies 4-2

ALEX GALLACHER

Scial to the Echo

The St. Michael's Buzzers snapped the Haliburton County Huskies five game win streak Saturday, beating the Huskies 4-2 at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

After an exhilarating win against the division leading Trenton Golden Hawks on Friday, the Huskies headed back to Minden for another game less than 24 hours later. In the first meeting, the Buzzers won 3-2 at the St. Michael's College Arena, however this time the Huskies looked for a win despite being down five players due to injuries.

During the opening puck drop it was clear things were going to be fast paced and aggressive. Both teams were throwing out big hits left and right, with multiple scoring chances as well. Oliver Tarr got the first big chance of the game with a breakaway 40 seconds in, the shot was denied by goaltender Cole Moore and the Huskies went back to the drawing board. After Christian Cicigoi made an amazing save on Ben Stewart, Bryce Stevenson would sent for a time out at 16:05.

The Buzzers' powerplay got to work and Bryce Sutherland's point shot was tipped off the stick of Luca Marcelli to give St. Mike's the early 1-0 lead. A few late chances from the Huskies were all kept out as the teams headed back to the locker rooms.

The Buzzers wasted no time doubling their lead, Jared Coccimiglio would see an opportunity and beat Cicigoi to make it two zip Buzzers. Tarr responded in the best possible way, with a highlight reel goal.



Huskies on home ice at SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena playing against St. Michael's Buzzers.
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Taking the puck in an amazing individual effort, Tarr went nearly coast to coast and beat Moor on the backhand to the roar of another sold out Haliburton County crowd. The joy was short lived as less than a minute later Bryce Sutherland came streaking down the left side of the rink with a head of steam. Sutherland ripped a shot between the wickets of Cicigoi and the period ended with the Buzzers up 3-1.

After a three team trade earlier in the week saw the Huskies ship out Davis Bone and Jacob Dupuis to the Stouffville Spirit, the Huskies received Cameron

Kosurko, Jonah Cochrane and Payton Schaly from the Wellington Dukes. All three players dressed for the game, with Kosurko netting his first as a Huskie burying a Bryce Richardson rebound to make it 3-2.

However the Buzzers proved to be too much for the Huskies as Sutherland netted an empty netter to seal the game for St. Mikes and send them back to Toronto with an important two points.

"We gave ourselves a lot of chances to win but sometimes it doesn't fall that way," said Head Coach Ryan Ramsay. "Effort was there, but the hockey gods

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The building is electrifying, there are fans everywhere who really love the Huskies. I'm excited to be here and can't wait for the next one.

— Cameron Kosurko

weren't on our side. We played well enough to win, effort level was there but we got to find more ways to win."

For Kosurko, his first goal as a Huskie was something to behold. A packed house brought to their feet was something the Uxbridge, Ontario forward was still smiling about even after the tough loss.

"It feels good especially coming into a new team," Kosurko said. "The building is electrifying, there are fans everywhere who really love the Huskies. I'm excited to be here and can't wait for the next one."

The Huskies are back in action Friday at the Lindsay Recreation Complex for round four of the Battle of Highway 35 against the Lindsay Muskies. The rivalry stands at 2-1 in favour of the Huskies, who won their last meeting at home 5-4... as well as the last meeting these two teams played in Lindsay. The puck with drop at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 12. Following that, the Huskies will return to the Nesbitt to take on the Trenton Golden Hawks in a rematch of this past Friday. Puck drop for that game will be at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 13.



Jaguars dominate Wildcats

Above, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School (JDHES) Jaguars player Brechin Johnston clears the ball, as teammate Caitlan Sanders looks on during the Grade 7/8 ASES (Archie Stouffer Elementary School) and JDHES Soccer Tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 3 at ASES in Minden. Although team JDHES one finished first, beating JDHES two 3-0 in the final, every player that participated in the tournament was a winner because it was the first athletic event for elementary schools in close to two years. /DARREN LUM Staff



Left, JDHES Jaguars player Lara Gallant moves the ball from her own end.



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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Need a boost?

WHEN THE Ontario government announced recently that it would be expanding the eligibility of booster shots to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, it got me thinking about other areas of my life that are in some need of a boost. And that got me thinking of Lev Vygotsky, the Russian psychologist whose work in the 1930s helped to influence our understanding of the optimal conditions of learning.

The "zone of proximal development" was a concept Vygotsky helped to develop; the phrase "getting in the zone" is one small bit of evidence demonstrating his influence on western culture. The zone of proximal development is that sweet spot where we are challenged just beyond our current abilities. Vygotsky, and many others after him have demonstrated that this zone creates the conditions most beneficial to learning.

Just as a vaccination stresses our immune systems only enough to get them to respond, challenging work stimulates our minds, and our bodies to respond. Lifting weights that are just a tiny bit heavier than our previous best will increase gradually our ability to lift more. Solving problems that are just a little bit more complex than those we have resolved previously will likewise improve cognitive functions associated with abstract reasoning.

Putting ourselves in that place of challenge often takes some discipline and a certain comfort with risk. Discipline and prudent levels of risk are a dynamite combination that yield great results over time.

Working on the 25 or so publications I have edited since starting this job nine weeks ago, has definitely thrust me into the zone of proximal

development on many days; and occasionally it has also thrust me close to edge of a dark abyss. While days of operating "in the zone" have brought me tremendous satisfaction, those at the edge of the abyss have also given me much clarity; both experiences have helped me learn.

The days in the zone have taught me some actual measurable skills that will help improve my job performance over time. The days staring into the abyss have taught me that my abilities have their limits. Yes, my belief in a growth mindset means that I want to continue to challenge myself, but my belief that it is necessary to choose battles wisely means that some challenges are too far beyond my zone of proximal development to take on now, and possible ever. Sometimes we grow worse not better by taking on challenges that are too great for us. Some fights are too big to take on in our weakness.

The German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche said, "Whoever fights monsters should see to it that in the process he does not become a monster. And if you gaze long enough into an abyss, the abyss will gaze back into you."

When the abyss stares back at us, it sees our weaknesses, our vulnerabilities and our failings. In such moments we also see what has been lurking in our blind-spots. It is good to stare into that abyss from time to time, but only for a while. Once we acknowledge our limitations that cannot be changed, it is good to get back to work on those that can be. Sometimes working in the zone on those items is all we need to get the extra boost we need and enough of an inoculation to fend off the threats that might otherwise take us down.



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Editorial

Rudolph

MY HUSBAND and I have a new "shop" that was added onto our house when we built a place for my parents to live. Having a space to work and a place to keep all the tools is really helpful. All kinds of creative projects have started to emerge. Charcuterie boards, bird boxes, repaired furniture and more.

My husband is becoming quite a handy guy. It is interesting what can happen when you have a dedicated space. I've been watching him with a little envy. I'm not handy at all, and not the most creative person, but I've decided that I want to make some wooden reindeer for our Christmas decorations on our driveway. By "I", I mean "we." And by "we", I mean I come up with the ideas and give directions and he responds. And I saw the perfect reindeer at a friends, and I have that image in my head.

I am trying my best to help. Our neighbours have been cutting firewood and when we told them of our project they offered some logs to use as the body and the head. So we've been back and forth carrying logs. This is a nice way to spend some time in November. They also had lots of branches that were ideal for the antlers. We've been dragging them through the woods to our place, only to find out that our dog has been chewing them and pulling them apart. Some of the branches even made it into our house. Oh the challenges of hav-

ing a dog! Back we go into the woods to collect more.

Finally we have all the parts and we start to put them together. I thought it would be so easy to build them. Our first deer looked like Rudolph who had just been born and couldn't stand up. All the legs splayed in the wrong direction. Getting the ratios correct, neck length in relationship to body length and head size was no easy task. Our second deer looked like a giraffe. It's neck is way too long! We laughed so hard we couldn't stand.

One thing I keep saying is "wait till the antlers are added before we evaluate it".

I learned that in an art class once. Keep going. You might just be surprised. My (our) goal is to have the three reindeer and now I am thinking of adding a Christmas tree and creating a full little Christmas scene. Jim just smiles and nods as my vision expands. The best part about this little project is that

we are outside working together.

The weather has been so beautiful. November in the woods is so quiet and we can see far in the distance since the leaves are gone. We are working with our hands and being creative. All of this is good for our well-being. Doing something together is good for our relationship (as long as I get what I want ha ha ha). Our daughter loves to get the pictures as the project evolves. It all gives us something to talk about that is positive, and that is a good thing.

*Tales from
the great*



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Green meadow



Reflections of autumn

by Darren Lum

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points of view

If I could turn back time

ALOT OF people are under the mistaken impression that when Cher sang her famous song, "If I could turn back time," she was talking about going back a few years to right some poorly made personal decision.

But any middle-aged person knows differently. She was probably just lamenting how impossible it is to set your vehicle's digital clock back an hour.

I thought the same thing until last Sunday morning.

In fact, when I looked at the digital clock in my SUV that morning, I had already decided that the best course of action would be to place a Post-it note beside it that said, "Subtract one hour" and leave it there till spring.

This seemed like a reasonable solution, because as most people know, there has not been a documented case of a middle-aged person who has ever been able to change the time on their vehicle's digital car clock.

Heck, for a lot of us this kind of thing requires a service appointment.

A young person reading this is probably thinking, "How can the simple act of changing the time on your vehicle's digital clock require a service appointment?"

Well, smartie-pants, it doesn't at first.

But after pressing every one of the buttons and fiddling with both knobs on the clock-radio for what seems to be an hour, but which can't be confirmed because the clock portion of the radio somehow disappeared, a person gets a little frustrated. Why? Because, frankly, things were a lot simpler in the old days. And – at the risk of sounding old, I'm going to say it – what was so wrong with sundials

anyway?

Also, it doesn't help that after making all those adjustments, you somehow get stuck on a radio station that plays nothing but Polka music or examines whether kale should be considered a sentient lifeform.

As you can see, in a situation like that it's perfectly normal to try to adjust the time the old-fashioned way – violently, and with tools. Luckily, however, on Sunday morning, I couldn't find my lug wrench, so I thought to myself, "How difficult can this be?"

And, lo and behold, it was not difficult at all. After 20 or 30 attempts, using nothing more than the power of positive guesswork, my clock was finally set back an hour, just as God intended.

I know what you are thinking. Usually, before you can claim a miracle like this the Vatican has to confirm it.

But, trust me, this really happened!

Yes, I set my clock radio without the help of anyone under the age of 30.

This means two things. First, that I no longer have to proceed with my plan to buy another car – so I also have one with a radio already set to the "spring forward" time. And second, there is a slight chance that one day I will be able to use our TV controller, microwave, and coffee maker too.

Right now, some of you are thinking I read the manual.

Just to put an end to that dirty rumour, let me just say I'm 59. This means I neither have the patience to read one or the memory to recall where I put my reading glasses. So, no I did not.

Instead, I did what any technological wizard would do, I fiddled with the knobs, pressed every button the clock-radio had, somehow texted a person in Korea and got invited to the Squid Games, and then – don't ask me how – set my vehicle's clock radio back exactly an hour.

It was no big deal and I imagine I'll be able to do it in reverse come spring. Unless, of course, I find my lug wrench first.



Loon Tales

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pic of the past

Pic of the past correction

Last week's Pic of the Past was accidentally printed with the wrong photo credit. It should have been attributed to Haliburton Highlands Museum.

Remembering the past: The cenotaph unveiling in Haliburton Village in 1919. Note the huge crowd and the remarkable number of cars (for the era). The photo also shows much evidence of the lumber industry in that day.

letters to the editor

Duty to remember says retired chief warrant officer

To the Editor,

LEST WE FORGET: Those three words echo across many countries to show our remembrance of those who have fought, suffered and died for our freedom. It means that we will never forget.

"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must under go the fatigue of supporting it." Thomas Paine.

Remembrance Day Services:

Being politically correct is not acceptable to me, not to our Canadian Veterans and all the war hero's who have paid the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf.

Paying tribute should never be an option,

rather, it is a duty, a deep-rooted commitment. The service men and women who fought and died for Canada during wars and conflicts for the cause of freedom, that we all enjoy to-day, are remembered in messages of "gratitude, thanks and appreciation."

We Will Remember Them.

Something we often take for granted, and should not. Freedom is not free. It came with a very high price.

John Fefchak (CWO ret.)
Frequent visitor to Haliburton

War Amps make a difference to child amputees

To the Editor,

As we approach Remembrance Day, I'd like to pay tribute to the veteran members of The War Amps.

The War Amps was started by amputee veterans returning from the First World War to help each other adapt to their new reality as amputees. They then welcomed amputee veterans following the Second World War, sharing all that they had learned.

These founding members then established the Key Tag Service, which is still going strong today, to fund the Association's many vital programs including The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program.

I was born a partial left hand amputee and grew

up in CHAMP which provided me with financial assistance for prosthetic devices and offered emotional support. These veterans have left a lasting impact on generations of amputees as they taught us that we should be proud of our amputation and to know that it will not stop us from achieving our goals.

Everyday, but particularly on Remembrance Day, Canadian amputees like me honour these veterans who not only served their country but returned home to make life better for all amputees.

Graham Spero
Graduate member of The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program

West Guilford son takes place among Hall of Famers

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Stories are powerful vehicles for inspiration and Bernie Nicholls' path to joining the ranks of the best hockey players in the world has the potential to be an example of what is possible for future generations here.

Born in Haliburton and raised in the small town of West Guilford, Nicholls' successful National Hockey League career is just one of many examples belonging to the inaugural group of inductees entering the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame as individuals, builders and team members.

Nicholls had a 17-year NHL career, playing in 1,127 NHL games for the Los Angeles Kings, the New York Rangers, the Edmonton Oilers, the New Jersey Devils, the Chicago Blackhawks and the San Jose Sharks. He had three all-star appearances, and most notably, the 'Pumpernickoll #9 scored 475 goals and tallied 1,209 points over his career, including a season to remember with a 70 goal and 150 point performance in the 1988-1989 season. He is just one of eight to score 70 goals and one of five to tally 150 points in one season. The fourth round pick and 73rd overall drafted player by the Kings after junior hockey stops in Woodstock, North York and Kingston. He played from 1981 to 1999.

Besides his professional hockey achievements, Nicholls played for the Haliburton Huskies Junior D team from 1975 to 1977, was a silver medalist in fast pitch at the Ontario Summer Games in 1980, and a silver medalist with the World Ice Hockey Championship for Canada in 1985.

When it comes to his major influences on the success he achieved in sport and life, he said, it's owed to his late-dad, George.

"He's being inducted as well with the 1970 junior hockey team and I think I'm more excited about that than myself. He was the biggest influence on me. He taught me everything about hockey, baseball. He was the best coach I ever had. I honestly don't think the Junior D team would have won the championship without him as a coach," he said, referring to hall of fame inductee 1970-1971 Haliburton Huskies.

"I just think there is so much that you're taught and given guidance and opportunity to succeed and he was that for me," he said. "I would have never done what I did without him."

Even when he was lighting the lamp as a member of the Kings at The Forum in Inglewood, California in the 1980s, his heart always belonged here.

Nicholls, who returned to West Guilford from Las Vegas this September, said the importance of being recognized locally with the induction by the hall of fame is related to the value of acknowledging ones origins.

"I think it always goes back to your roots, right? This is where I grew up. This is where I learned how to play hockey, baseball, so I think when you get recognized in your home town in front of your family and friends I think it's so much more rewarding," he said.

At four years old, Nicholls started playing hockey with the older boys from the area at what was known as the 'Tagalder Gardens' or simply, the 'Gardens' on Pine Lake. It included his cousin Craig Stamp, who went on to play junior hockey and play professionally in the International Hockey League, and with a young Ron Stackhouse, who went on to play 889 NHL games and shared the West Guilford Citizen of the Year honours with him in 2019. He often played so long that he often came home with numb toes.

The hall of fame will serve as place of recognition of achievement, but it will also showcase what is possible to young people here and is consistent with the message Nicholls has delivered before.

"For me, I tell kids to play and have fun and, if you're gifted enough to be successful, it's going to come out and people will find you. I tell kids dream. Dream big and play hard and have fun. I think that's what people will look at us [inductees] from a small town. I grew up from a little town of 75 people. If I could make it then why not the next person? That's what I tell kids. Why not? Why not you? Right? Dream big. I think it's great for kids to dream and do not discourage them from their dreams. Encourage to dream and help them. If they're good enough then they'll make it. At least, let them try," he said.

Nicholls pursuit of finishing the NHL season with the best team wasn't fulfilled as a player during his NHL career where he was committed enough to have played with an assortment of injuries from broken feet, a broken ankle and torn cartilage in his ribs. However, his connection to the game and the pursuit of the Stanley Cup con-



West Guilford's Bernie Nicholls, who is part of the inaugural group of inductees for the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame, brought the Stanley Cup home in 2012. He got to have photos taken with it like this one when he sat in a canoe made by his dad while out on Pine Lake at the back of his parents' home in 2012. DARREN LUM FILE

tinued after his playing days when he served as a consultant for the Los Angeles Kings in 2012.

That year he brought the trophy home, which is consistent with the league's tradition of enabling the players and coaching staff of the winning team an opportunity to take the Stanley Cup anywhere with them in the off-season. Nicholls was all smiles on the visit, as he enabled opportunities for family and area residents to pose for photos with it at various stops in West Guilford, whether it was in town at the gas station, at the Nicholls' family home, the family hunt camp and in Haliburton at the A.J. LaRue Arena.

In 2006, Nicholls was inducted in the Lindsay Sports Hall of Fame. Although any recognition is valued, he said, there is much more importance when it is from your home town.

"I just think it's a great accomplishment. Any time it's your peers or people they've recognized what you've done to get the acknowledgement of getting into the Haliburton [Highlands Sports] Hall of Fame you can't ask for anything better than that," he said.

Besides his hockey achievements, Nicholls also patrolled the infield as a shortstop, winning silver at the Ontario Summer Games in 1980.

"I may have been a better baseball player than a hockey player. I played all sports and I just loved them all," he said.

He played in the West Guilford Men's Fastball league from 1973 to 1976 and then the Haliburton Men's Fastball League from 1976 to 1984.

The passion for sport and the outdoors came from his father, he said. His dad was also a strong guiding figure for many boys not so much with his words, but by his actions and his sincerity.

"He just put you in a position to succeed and I think that's how my dad was with everything. He taught me the outdoors. He taught me hunting and fishing and trapping. One thing about my dad he kind of led by example I think. That was the key I think. A lot of times people say one thing and do another and he taught by example and led by example. He was quiet, but when he spoke you listened and he led you in the right direction," he said.

The other inducted hall of fame athletes include Michael Bradley, Glen Dart, Donald Beverly "Joe" Iles, Marla MacNaull, Stackhouse, Lesley Tashlin, Anna Tomlinson and Jake Walker. There is also Linda J. Brandon, Albert John "AJ" LaRue, Lenny Salvatori, who are the builder inductees. The team inductees are the Minden Monarchs teams from 1956 to 1958, the 1934 Haliburton Huskies and the 1970-1971 Haliburton Huskies.

An induction ceremony for the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame inductees is expected this coming spring. It had been scheduled for this autumn, but was delayed due to restrictions pertaining to COVID-19.

With a career of highlights, Nicholls said, the best part was just making the NHL.

"I'm one of I don't know how many people in the



Bernie Nicholls' parents Marjorie, left, answers a television reporter's question as George looks over on a day many dreams came true when the Stanley Cup came to the Highlands in 2012. Nicholls, who was a consultant coach for the Los Angeles Kings, said he owes all his success to his community and family, particularly his parents. DARREN LUM FILE

world that had an opportunity to play in the National Hockey League. It's such a great accomplishment. Anything else that comes with it is, you know, icing on the cake. I mean, just having the opportunity to play at that high level was my biggest accomplishment," he said.

The statistical odds of a youth hockey player being drafted by an NHL team is a less than a quarter of one percent and then only 0.02 per cent of them.

Nicholls' father died at the age of 77 in 2013, but he isn't forgotten by those that loved him, particularly his son, who thinks he would be proud to know of each other's induction.

"You know my dad wouldn't say much, but one thing about my dad is I always knew where I stood with him. He didn't have to tell me I just knew and, you know, he would have been really proud and I think he would have been more proud of me going in than him. Just like I am proud of him going in than me. He would never say it, but I would tell him the only reason I'm going in is because of him. I know he would be proud of me."



Notice of Fee By-Law Amendments

Dysart et al Council, at their November 23rd, 2021 meeting, will be considering changes to By-Law 2021-78, being a by-law to impose fees and charges. A new fee is being proposed for use of the electric vehicle charging station that will be located at the Welcome Centre.

Further information on these fee changes will be available on <https://www.dysartetal.ca/>.

Mallory Bishop, Municipal Clerk

New artists' collective looks for support

KATRINA BOGUSKI

Editor

When Joey Varga contacted the *Echo* about the new artists' collective that is being started with friend Isabel Neveu-Geenen, the group's name, Limbic Collective, immediately got my attention. In an email exchange, Varga explained the origin of the name.

Varga said, "We both have a huge fascination with psychology and have done artwork around the subject. We started talking about name ideas for the collective and started to think about the different parts of the brain and their functions, particularly the amygdala and the hippocampus. The name of the part of the brain that the amygdala and hippocampus are in is called the limbic system. It's responsible for things like impulses, memory, emotional reactions, and instinctual survival mechanisms, like eating, protecting, sex and reproduction, and connecting sensory experiences to emotions."

Varga added, "It was like a light bulb went off - we both have such strong connections to our limbic systems in our art, and the interdisciplinary nature of our art-making illuminated the importance of the limbic system in the brain and we thought that would make a great name for the collective."

The main goal of the collective is to bring together a community of young artists to "cultivate something that will last and sustain itself." Varga explained, "The goal is to have young artists working together for the growth and success of the collective as a whole, and to support each other as individuals. We plan to hold events, work together to share rented studio and exhibition space, collaborate on art projects, learn from each other, get excited about what each other is doing and uplift each other. There is so much potential when creative brains come together."

Both of the artists involved in starting up the collective say they have felt a sense of disconnectedness from a greater community that we think could exist.

Varga said, "We dream of having an art collective that embodies the elements of a healthy garden. We were inspired by a shared vision of a flourishing community of artists who might be experiencing the sudden strangeness of being in your 20s and not knowing where exactly your place is, how to find each other and embrace their lost-ness."

Varga has been inspired by the work of Yoko Ono, whose New York apartment was a hub for many now famous artists. Varga explained "We're not trying to be revolutionaries or overthrow the established art community, but movements in art start with the young. We want to bring something new to the community."

There is no set number of people in the collective, it is not an exclusive group. People do not need to sign up or pay to be involved. Varga is inviting people to engage in the planning of an upcoming event and said, "The eight-day event will take place from Dec 4 to Dec. 11 of this year. We don't have a location totally nailed down yet. We wanted to pick the best location possible. There is one that is available, but we wanted to keep ourselves open to other options."

They have been asking landlords to allow them to rent space at a lowered rate for the time of the event because they are

a group consisting of students and minimum-wage workers or others who may not have enough money to rent the space otherwise.

Varga said, "It is an arts event all about supporting young artists, and we have been hoping and believing in the support of the Haliburton community. There is no cost to take part in the event, but we are requesting that all artists who are involved contribute in any way that they can. Some ways that people can contribute are: helping with rent, supplying resources, making posters and other media material, volunteering to work a day of the event to welcome people at the door or handle sales, coordinating local connections, and assisting with set-up and clean-up."

Evening events are planned during the eight-day event, and people can enter by donation. They will have spoken word poetry, live painting, and other performance-based mediums, as well as some music. Varga adds, "There will be some installation art for people to view, as well as table, wall, and booth space displaying art that can be purchased. People can register to participate by emailing us at limbiccollective@gmail.com and those who want to come as a viewer just have to mark the date down on their calendars and show up when the time comes!"

The artists say that the art world is very competitive and daunting, and has an air of exclusivity that can be overwhelming. Varga and Neveu-Geenen say that in their collective, they want artists to feel supported and welcomed. In a joint statement they said, "Our collective will focus on making the entry to the art world a bit more friendly than it can be at times."

As to the kind of art they produce, Joey says "I am kind of all over the place, artistically. Right now I am focusing on performance, installation, photo art, event scores, poetry, watercolour, and some wearable art. I'm currently working on a book of poems and scores and a series of mushroom-inspired abstract watercolour portraits, with T-shirt designs and body-based photo art in the periphery."

Neveu-Geenen said, "I primarily work with clay, making both pottery and sculpture. I explore nature based themes, my focus being on mushrooms currently. I also work with fibres of all sorts, doing weaving, sewing, knitting, and some sculpture. Installation and performance are an additional part of my work that fluctuates with my current focus in mediums. On top of that all, I am a trained musician, and have worked on composing for short films, writing my own music, and studying classical piano."

Other artists in the collective are also making all kinds of art. Varga explained, "We have people involved who are making all kinds of art. A lot of the artists who've been engaging with us make image-based art, illustration, painting and drawing, print-making photography. There are poets and musicians, digital image and video makers, and sculpture-based artists. It's really exciting to see how multi-disciplined everyone is."

Varga is currently working on a Visual and Creative Arts Diploma at Fleming College at Haliburton School of Art and Design and is going into blacksmithing and photo arts courses next.

Neveu-Geenen is a graduate of the Integrated Design program with a certificate in Ceramics at Haliburton School of Art and Design and also has piano and the-

ory education from the Royal Conservatory of Music. Neveu-Geenen adds "Most recently, I have been apprenticing at Homestead Pottery with Lisa Barry and Matt Mihlik, learning about wood fired pottery techniques. But like Joey, I am always a student, whether at a traditional

place of learning, or out in the world on my own."

More about the Limbic collective can be found through their Instagram page. The handle is @limbic_collective and you can reach them by email address at limbiccollective@gmail.com.



Playing catch at the park

Jack was out for a stroll with his buddy Kuhl and their owner Joanne Keenan last Friday. They plan to come back later to check out the new dog park in Haliburton's Rotary Park. / KATRINA BOGUSKI Staff



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Barry Willhelm kept Haliburton in harmony

STEPHEN PETRICK

Special to the Echo

The Haliburton community should sing a song for Barry Willhelm this week.

It would be a fitting tribute to a man who dedicated much of his life to keeping the community in good spirits through his passion for music.

Mr. Willhelm died peacefully at Haliburton Highlands Health Services on Oct. 31, after a battle with illness. He was 83.

"What I remember most about Barry Willhelm was his love of music, of drama and entertaining people," said long-time friend and fellow music lover Bill Gliddon. "He loved an audience. It made him happy to make others happy and that to me is his greatest legacy."

Mr. Willhelm was the host of a weekly radio show, Voices in Harmony, on 100.9 Canoe FM; a role he started in 2008. He also hosted Medical Matters with Dr. Norm Bottum and was a board member for the radio station for about a decade.

He also participated in music and theatre groups in Haliburton County. He sang in a local barbershop quartet and was involved in church choirs at both his own church, St. Anthony of Pauda Catholic Church and St. George's Anglican.

Gliddon said his friendship with Mr. Willhelm grew when they were both working at the radio station. Following the conclusion of Gliddon's classical music show, he would get a phone call from Willhelm to discuss the music on the program. Gliddon then returned the

favour by calling Willhelm at the end of his show each week.

"Barry had a serious side, too," said Gliddon. "We would often have conversations about spiritual powers and the power of prayer."

Tributes to Mr. Willhelm came pouring in on social media, following news of his death.

A post from Canoe FM Community Radio's Facebook page showed that Mr. Willhelm wasn't just a great musical person; he was also an all-round great helper and friend.

"Over the years Barry has helped with fixing taps, changing the guts of toilets, decorating floats, starting generators and he was always available if something needed to be done," the post said.

In a statement to the *Haliburton Echo*, station manager Roxanne Casey said that Mr. Willhelm presence will be deeply missed.

"Barry was on the board for a total of 10 years and he sat on most our committees and he was available whenever we needed something done and as a volunteer-based radio station that was paramount," she said. "Barry was good natured and quite a character. We all loved Barry."

Mr. Willhelm is survived by his wife Joan and children Mike (Audrey), Kevin (Jodi) and step children Jeff (Nadine), Laurel, and godson Glenn. He also leaves behind grandchildren Gregory, Connor, Emelia, Alexia, and Zachary.

A funeral for Mr. Willhelm was held on Nov. 9 at St. Anthony of Pauda Catholic Church.



Barry Willhelm is pictured behind the microphone while working for Canoe FM. /Photo courtesy of Canoe FM.

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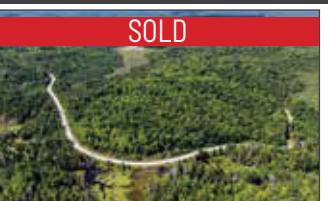
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See Santa at the “Drive-Thru”

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Santa Claus is coming to town this year and will make a stop for a physical dis-

tanced visit at Curry Chevrolet for the Rotary Community Christmas Party “Drive-Thru” Edition on Dec. 4.

Scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. and end close to 7:30 p.m. at the GM dealership located at 5065 Haliburton County Road 21, the free admission event will

once again enable the young and young at heart to not only visit with Santa, but also experience an immersion in the Christmas season all from the comfort of their vehicles.

Event committee chairperson Richard Van Nood said the decision to repeat this event was made about a month ago during a Rotary meeting and was based on the uncertainty of what's allowed when it comes to health recommendations and guidelines.

“You just never know if we'll take a step back or not before Christmas, but the Christmas parties we've had at the Legion or whatever and those were crowded. There was a lot of people in there, so at this point in time it was best to err on the side of caution and it seemed to go over well last year. People seemed to enjoy it,” he said.

Like last year, participants are being asked to drive their vehicles to the Curry Chevrolet Service Reception, using the entrance to Todd's Independent or Curry Chevrolet from County Road 21.

A little more than two dozen volunteers will help to make this event possible. This

includes giving people drinks and pizzas, giving away gift bags, managing the traffic flow, and/or handing out draw tickets.

Van Nood said they anticipate this year's event to attract more than it did last year and will have 300 gift bags for the attending children. There will a draw for 12 turkeys, each weighing close to 12 pounds. Also, Santa's Haliburton parade float will be brought by the Haliburton and District Lions Club.

The chairperson said events like this are popular with families and the club appreciates holding them.

“People love to be able to do things with their kids. This is a no cost event. We don't charge entrance fees or anything like this. It's just giving back to the community,” he said.

He hopes this year's event will be the last and that there is a return to pre-pandemic times.

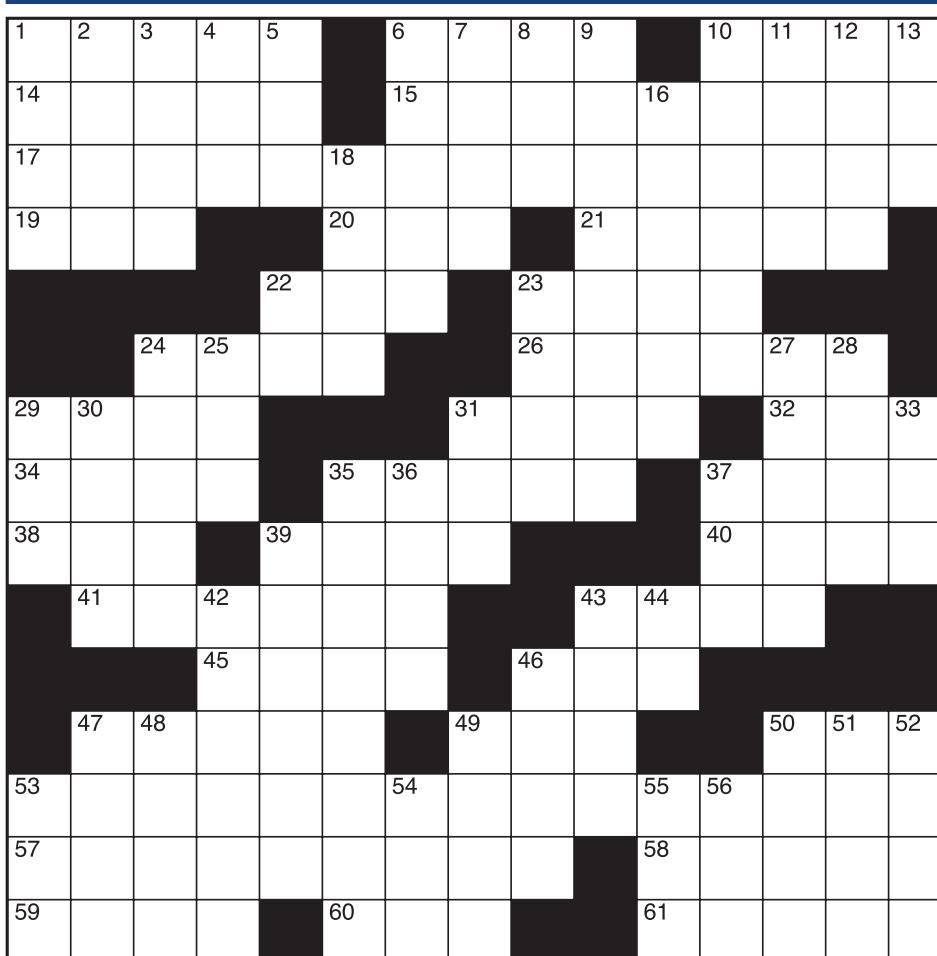
So, when we're able to do it the regular way and rent the ice again and do all that kind of stuff it'll be fun. For now, we're doing the “Drive-Thru.” Hopefully, next Christmas we're back to Santa live.”

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- A fashionable hotel
- Norse mythology afterlife location
- Stood up
- Car mechanics group
- Weather forecasters use it (abbr.)
- Broken branch
- Astronomy unit
- East Asian nursemaid
- “Airplane!” actor
- Exclamation that denotes disgust
- “Batman” villain
- Downfalls
- Philippine province
- Once-vital TV part
- Valley
- Tax
- Classic Scorsese film
- Subway dwellers
- Book part

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- Pancakes made from buckwheat flour
- Swiss river
- Founder of Babism
- Have surgery
- Withdrawal from a larger entity
- Lot's father
- Greek war god
- 2,000 lbs.
- Lemur

CLUES DOWN

- Quarrels
- Right away
- Comedian Carvey
- Egyptian unit of weight
- A Brit's mother
- Tropical tree
- One who speaks Gaelic
- NHL legend Bobby
- Vacation spots
- Military personnel
- Shakira's don't lie
- Wimbledon champ
- Teletypewriter
- Mistakes
- Whale ship captain
- Thus
- From end to end

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Youth hub's lift program offers employment supports to youth

The Haliburton Youth Hub is offering a unique new program called Lift, an integrated employment support program for youth aged 14 to 25.

The goal of the Lift program is to connect youth in Haliburton County with meaningful employment, training, and educational activities. Available supports include rapid job search, preparing for applications and interviews, job coaching, career planning and education supports.

The Lift Program's services are based on each job seeker's preferences and choices, and employment is considered an integrated part of their health treatment, wellness plans and recovery. Participants receive practical help at any stage of their employment and education journey from a dedicated worker.

The program launched in the spring of 2021 and has supported several local youth in meeting their employment, training and education goals.

“I was able to find a job pretty quick and Ryan [Individual Placement and Support worker] is flexible about time and where we meet,” said one program participant who recently found employment with the support of the Lift program.

The program operates from a Zero Exclusion Policy, meaning there are no exclusions based on symptoms, substance use, disability, or other characteristics.

“The introduction of this program is very timely, given the pandemic impacts on youth of increased mental health challenges, interruptions to education, and higher rates of unemployment,” said Marg Cox, Executive Director of Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents. “Investing in youth well being and independence has benefits for program participants and the wider community by contributing to a strong, well equipped labour force.”

Funded by the Future Skills Centre, the program is the first of its kind in the province and a joint initiative of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health's Margaret and Wallace McCain Centre for Child, Youth and Family Mental Health, ACCESS Open Minds, Foundry, and Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario. A

youth advisory team was consulted in the design and implementation of the program.

The Lift program reinforces existing services available at Youth Integrated Service Hubs through the application of the Individual Placement and Support model, an evidence-informed and strength-based model of supported employment for people with mental health or substance use challenges. The Individual Placement and Support worker collaborates with their team to ensure youth get the support they need in several areas, including primary health care and counselling, in an open and familiar environment. The program functions as an alternative to navigating through multiple agencies to meet youths' needs.

“I love this program and look forward to getting more youth involved,” said Ryan Martin, Individual Placement and Support Worker at the Haliburton Youth Hub. “It's been exciting to see what people can accomplish when someone supports them from a strength-based perspective.”

To find out more about the Lift program, or to make a referral, contact Ryan Martin, Individual Placement and Support Worker, at ryanm@pointintime.ca or call 705-457-2727.

The Haliburton Youth Hub is a one-stop shop for youth services and supports and is co-created with youth, for youth. It is part of a province-wide network of Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario and is affiliated with Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents. To find out more about the Haliburton Youth Hub, email haliburtonhub@pointintime.ca or call (705) 457-2727.

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Vaccine boosters available six months after second dose

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit press conference held Nov. 3 with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking.

Booster shots of COVID-19 vaccine are now available for some of the population if it has been six months since their last dose.

People who are 70 or older, or born in the year 1951 or earlier; First Nations, Inuit, Métis people and household members, including those living on or off reserve; healthcare workers including essential caregivers in congregate care settings and those who received a full series of Astra-Zeneca or Johnson and Johnson shots were able to access a booster shot as of last weekend. The latter group is included, said Bocking, because there are some studies showing a full series of the viral vector vaccine does not seem to be offering the same protection against COVID-19 as the mRNA vaccines.

"Two doses of mRNA still have very good protection against very severe disease or bad outcomes from COVID-19 so there's not the same urgency around getting third doses as we might have felt about first or second doses," said Bocking, noting that being fully vaccinated is still considered to mean having two shots, and that the third dose, or booster is optional.

"There's a number of things to consider," said Bocking. "Everyone has different levels of tolerance for risk. So we know that there will be some people that,

if there's anything they can do to decrease risk of COVID-19 then they will do that and that will mean wanting to get a third dose right away. There's other people that are more comfortable with a little bit of risk, and saying that, we're not having a lot of COVID-19, this is recommended and not required, and maybe I'll wait for a little bit."

She recommended people talk to their healthcare provider if they have questions.

A mass clinic has reopened in Minden at the Minden community centre to help vaccinate the number of people who might be wanting a booster shot. An appointment system is being reintroduced, and the last hour of each clinic will be open to walk-ins, though could be a busy time.

Low case numbers locally continue

Since the start of the pandemic, 2,498 cases of COVID-19 have been recorded across the HKPR region, and as of last Nov. 3, Bocking said there was a "continued trickle of cases," with eleven cases active, five in City of Kawartha Lakes, six in Northumberland County and none in Haliburton County.

Bocking noted that provincially numbers are low and at times in some areas of the province, there will be an increase in numbers.

"I'm flagging that just to remind people that even though we've had a low number for several weeks now, it doesn't mean that we're not vulnerable to increases in cases of COVID-19 if a larger

outbreak were to be declared or we see an influx of cases being identified," she said.

Majority of cases among young adults 20 to 29

Of the 17 new cases identified in the past 14 days, greater than 40 per cent of those are among the age group of 20 to 29, said Bocking. Of those cases, 35 per cent did not have an identifiable source for exposure and 17.5 were identified to be close contacts. Of the 338 cases identified since July 1, 63 per cent are among individuals that had received no vaccinations, 19.2 per cent were partially protected or considered to be not yet fully protected and 17.8 per cent were fully vaccinated.

Health unit aiming for 90 per cent vaccination rate

"We're continuing to make slower

incremental progress in terms of vaccination coverage," said Bocking.

As of last week, the coverage rate of individuals aged 12 and over across the health unit who have received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine is 86.3 per cent, while 83 per cent have received two doses of vaccine.

"We'd like to see 90 per cent of the population eligible for vaccination to be fully vaccinated," said Bocking. "We do still have a little ways to go but we are continuing to see individuals that have not yet been vaccinated to come to access vaccine, which is great. I really would encourage people to continue to talk to friends, family members that have not yet been vaccinated yet to have a respectful conversation about the risks and benefits of vaccination. It's certainly not too late to get your first dose of COVID vaccine."

The health unit continues to offer mobile, pop-up and school-based clinics. For more information visit www.hkpr.on.ca/2021/09/01/vaccination-clinics/.

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Sleeping in Cars event to raise funds for housing returns Nov. 19-20

STEPHEN PETRICK

Special to the Echo

With COVID-related restrictions easing, it's now possible to hold big fundraising events -- and the need to do so may be more important than ever.

Places for People, a Haliburton-based housing organization, is hosting Sleeping in Cars Nov. 19 to 20. It's doing so in a much different environment, compared to 2019; the last time the big fundraiser was held in person. Housing prices have skyrocketed and the effect is now being seen in rural areas, where it's now almost impossible for people with low incomes to find affordable places to rent, said a local organizer.

"It's becoming increasingly difficult for people to find anything anywhere," said Nataly Mylan, a marketing director for the event. "The situation has become dire ... People who were traditionally renting homes are now selling them."

The Sleeping in Cars event aims to raise funds for a housing project that Places for People is working on with Haliburton County. There's a long-term plan to build an affordable housing unit on Wallings Road in Dysart. The project, which would include one- and two-bedroom units, is currently in the planning stage.

Participants can register at www.placesforpeople.ca. They then gather pledges for agreeing to spend a cold night sleeping in their car. The thought is that the uncomfortable experience of sleeping in a car will serve



Sleeping in Cars will be held Nov. 19 to 20 to raise awareness about the issue of homelessness. This photo shows participants from a previous Sleeping in Cars event. From left, Max Ward, Pam Sayne, Lisa Tolentino, Fay Martin and Bob Carter. /SUE TIFFIN File photo

as motivation to ensure there's affordable housing in the community, so no local person will have to re-live that experience daily.

Participants will gather in the parking lot of Haliburton Highlands Brewing, at 1067 Garden Gate Dr., at 7 p.m. on Nov. 19 and festivities will keep people enter-

tained in the evening. A movie will be shown "drive-in style", prizes will be given out and there will be a fire pit for people to gather around and start conversations, Mylan said.

The event concludes at 7 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20, when a light breakfast will be served.

Mylan said people are also welcome to participate in the event virtually. Last year, a similar virtual event raised about \$1,000, but in 2019 an in-person event raised about \$6,000. Organizers are hoping to raise a similar amount this time.

Mylan also said she hopes the fire pit conversations will lead to discussions about how if affordable housing is lacking, the whole community suffers. She worries that long-term residents of this area are being pushed out. There seems to be an incredible shortage of single-unit apartments for rent, too, she noted.

"I'm hoping that we recognize that, as a community, we're obligated to make spaces for our community members to stay and live here. We owe it to ourselves to make sure people who have supported us in the past, can be here in the future We're losing their knowledge, their connection to the community."

Mylan said that, traditionally, Places for People has worked as a support service for tenants who are struggling to find places to live. It helps these tenants, not only find places to live, but by connecting them to education and other support services.

"We give them an environment where they can not only survive, but thrive," she said.

Ryan Ramsay creating a new hockey legacy in Haliburton County

ALEX GALLACHER

Special to the Echo

For Haliburton County Huskies coach Ryan Ramsay, the arrival of the team to Minden has created an opportunity to truly elevate minor hockey in the area. After a handful of games already this season, each home game has been played in front of a sell-out crowd showcasing the hard work management has put in so far.

Ramsay's path to the Huskies has not been an easy one but each experience has helped him become the seasoned veteran that the players look up to.

Ramsay began his career as a junior with the Oshawa Legionnaires, he graduated to the OHL in 1999 with the Peterborough Petes as their first round pick. Playing with three different teams over the course of five seasons, Ramsay also laced up for the Kitchener Rangers and the Plymouth Whalers and recorded his best season 2002-03 with the Whalers putting up 88 points in 59 games.

Signing a contract with the St. Louis Blues, Ramsay played in the AHL for Worcester and Peoria as well in the ECHL. After not cracking the NHL roster, he took his talents to Germany where he played for five different teams from 2007-2015. Excelling overseas in the DEL, his career was brought to a sudden halt in 2015 after shattering his hand and was forced to hang up the skates.

"I really liked the culture of Germany," Ramsay said. "My wife and I traveled a lot while living in Europe, the German league was a lot similar to the American league but a lot easier on your body. We played less games round 54 a year, as well as getting longer breaks during the off season."

Coming back to North America, Ramsay planned to get his firefighting certificate at Texas A&M University but after attending a few hockey schools he knew right away coaching was the right job for him. Backed by the full support of his wife, Ramsay started coaching in Whitby minor midget.

"There are currently about seven NHL coaches that had me as a player," Ramsay said. "I knew a lot about the game already having been a player, but I learned so much from those coaches during hockey school. I wanted to coach older kids because I felt their mindset is really good and I want to use my expertise to help them get to the next level of their player careers."

When Ramsay joined the staff of the Whitby Fury OJHL squad, he worked closely with team owner Paul Wilson to facilitate a move from the Durham region to the Minden Hills arena. Having already been in planning for several months, a lot of work went into moving the team to the county. The newly renovated SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena certainly didn't hurt the planning com-

mittee's job when selecting a new location for the team.

"We had a lot of talked over the past year," Ramsay added. "We had to talk to the OHA, the OJHL, the OHF and the town of Minden Hills so it was a lot of work. With the rink being done however, it made it that much easier for us to get everything to where it is now."

A lot of people might be asking why move a team to the county? With most, if not all, of the OJHL member teams coming from urban populations of 20,000 people plus, it might have seemed strange for a team to go from the metropolitan centre of Whitby to the quiet rural area of Minden. However, this was one of the main reasons Minden was selected in the first place and why it has grown into one of the best markets in the league.

"If you look at the stats the county has had a long history of great hockey," Ramsay continued. "Guys like Matt Duchene, Cody Hodgson, Bernie Nichols, Ron Stackhouse and other have all come from the area. It's a hockey environment, the owner Paul [Wilson] is from up here so it really made it a no brainer for us on that front. There isn't too much going in the county during the winter, but we hoped the community would welcome the team and fortunately have very warmly."

With the success of the Huskies as well as the other smaller markets of Collingwood and Lindsay, it had inspired other towns to look into OJHL teams of their own. Markets like Orillia, Bracebridge, Parry Sound, Huntsville and Bancroft are among some of the more rural communities that the league has shown interest in over the years in their northward expansion. However the biggest hurdle is the independent rival junior league, the GMHL, which has a strong hold in a lot of markets the league wished to break into. However, Ramsay welcomes the competition and hopes that other small markets can flourish with their own teams following the success in Minden.

"If you look at the teams that do well attendance wise, it tends to be smaller markets," Ramsay said. "In the big city you have a million things to do, and in the smaller markets that not usually in the case in the winter. The league has really liked our move, and it makes our team stronger and creates a great atmosphere to play in."

The community has rallied around the team with ample sponsorship and help coming from the local businesses. Each game the rinks are filled with banners from local companies, from car dealers to landscapers everyone in the town loves Huskies hockey. During a game against the Lindsay Muskies in October, the team welcome the U-10 Highland Storm players to skate with the team during warm ups.

Ramsay was delighted with the smiles from the kids and cemented his stance about the amazing hockey culture in Minden Hills.

"Seeing the smiles on those kids faces means the world

to me," Ramsay added. "The mentorship is like the icing on the cake, and I think the team helps bring a town together. When I was out trick or treating with my kids, a lot of parents come up to me and told me their kids had no real interest in hockey before the Huskies. That really makes it for me and we hope to give more back to the community."

The hockey world is talking about Minden Hills and the great location but Ramsay is in it for the long haul. He is hoping this team can form a long term in the County, creating the next great hockey town. With aspirations to win the Dudley Hewitt Cup as well as going to the CJHL national championships, like any coach Ramsay wants his team to do well and win.

"We want to put Haliburton County on the hockey map," Ramsay concluded. "People are having fun on their Saturdays coming to the games, the community has gotten closer as a result. We couldn't do what we do without the support of the County, the amazing volunteers that help out on game days, Jess Jackson who oversees out game day operations and just everyone fan that has supported the team this season so far."

With season one well underway look for the Huskies to continue their charge in OJHL, for many seasons to come.

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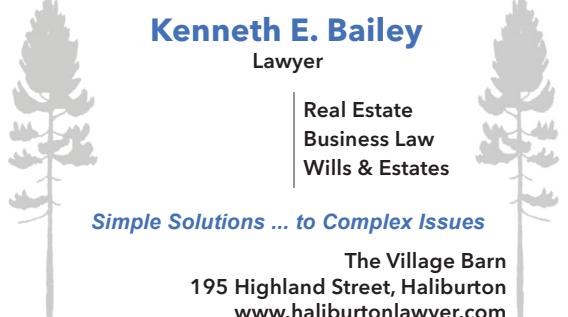
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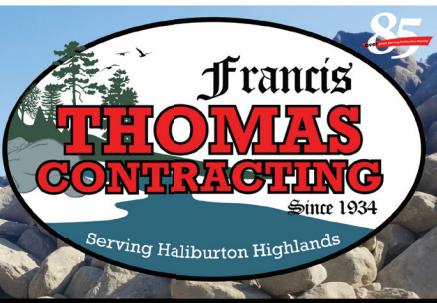
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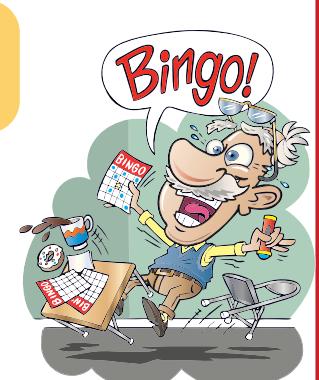
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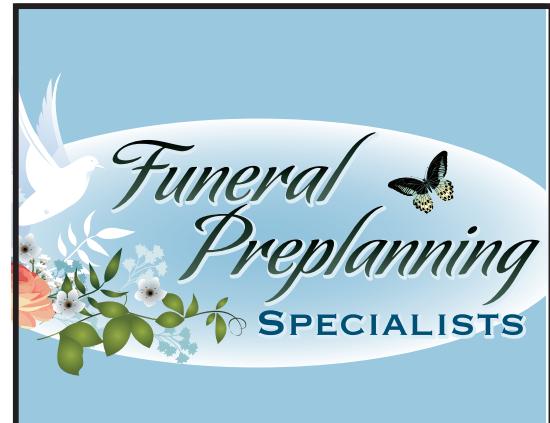


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Barry loved his community. He participated in a number of organizations in Haliburton that will miss him dearly.

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Lest we forget

A cadet with the Haliburton corps stands in repose while Maurice Winterflood, past president of the Minden Legion, lays a wreath at the Haliburton cenotaph accompanied by Sgt. at Arms Brian Hambly at Sunday's Remembrance Day service. More photos page 12 and 13.

Local Grade 3 and 6 test results not released yet**CATHY OLLIFFE**

Staff Reporter

How Haliburton area school kids did in this year's province-wide tests won't be publicly known for a while longer.

Grade 3 and 6 students across the province were tested in reading, writing and math by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). The Ontario Provincial Report on Achievement for 2000-2001

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Gooderham school fate may be known later this month**MARTHA PERKINS**

Editor

The fate of the Gooderham school will likely be decided within the next month.

On November 19, the committee overseeing the candidate for closure procedure will be making its report at a meeting in Gooderham.

At that meeting, which is at the Gooderham School starting at 7:30, the committee will decide whether it's ready to make a recommendation to the Trillium Lakelands District Board of Education to either close the school or keep it open.

If it does make a recommendation, that will be passed on to the board. And if there is not a consensus on the fate of the school, the recommendation will be split, presenting both viewpoints.

Although trustees meet in Lindsay on November 27, superintendent Dale Robinson, who has been chairing the committee meetings, is not sure whether the Gooderham report

will be on the agenda at that meeting or the December 11 board meeting at the Haliburton board of education office. That meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Asked why the process has moved ahead so speedily when compared to the similar situation in Dorset last year, Robinson said none of the committee's points have been contested nor have there been any requests for information from the public.

About 25 people from the community attended the first public meeting in June. There was only one parent in the audience when the committee reconvened in September and a handful of parents and community representatives at the third meeting on October 30.

At the October 30 meeting, which was designed to hear presentations from the public, only one presentation was given. That was by Peter Rigby, general manager of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber

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Prestigious Kennisis properties to be turned over to cottage association**CATHY OLLIFFE**

Staff Reporter

The Kennisis Lake Cottage Association will likely be taking control of some of the most prestigious lakefront property in the Haliburton Highlands.

Two islands and a pond are among the properties currently owned by Shall-may Holdings Ltd. that will be turned over to the association, should everything go according to plan. Shall-may is currently in the process of developing a large area on the shores of Kennisis – building roads, selling previ-

ously severed lots and wanting to sever 12 new lots. The cottage association has been involved throughout the process, wanting to ensure Kennisis Lake doesn't become overcrowded. Shall-may has agreed to designate some of its property as open space and will be turning it over to the association via Dysart et al.

Representatives from both parties met at a Dysart planning committee meeting Monday, Nov. 5 to explain they are in agreement that Shall-may

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